(c) if so, the justification for not providing such facility to them after retirement and by when the facility of rum etc. could be given to them on the lines of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Serving Assam rifles personnel, being Para-Military Force, are authorized to avail Canteen Stores Department (CSD) as they are under the operational control of the Army. However, retired Assam Rifles personnel are not entitled to the facilities, as is the case with the personnel of other Central Police Force (CPFs) in general.

A proposal to extend the CSD facility to the CPFs personnel including serving and retired Assam Rifles personnel was duly considered in consultation with Ministry of Defence but it could not be extended due to limited resource and infrastructure of the CSD. However, some Para Military Forces have made arrangements to provide similar facilities to their personnel at unit level. Some forces also allow their retired personnel to avail such facilities.

Annual leave to CRPF Jawans

2113. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CRPF jawans are allowed two months annual leave and 15 days casual leave every year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that commanders in the CRPF frequently deny jawans this leave;

(c) whether Government propose to create sufficient buffer reserves of personnel to avoid the situation when leave is denied and to avoid frustration amongst jawans who do not get leave every year; and

(d) what other steps are proposed to ensure that the CRPF follows a policy of giving leave as stipulated without creating disappointments amongst the jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Jawans posted in Group Centres/ Battalions/Static offices other than Directorate/Sector/Range Hqrs. are entitled to 60 days' earned leave and 15 days' casual leave in a calender year, whereas those posted at Directorate/Sector/Range Hqrs.are entitled to 30 days earned leave and 8 days casual leave in a calender year.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Already a specified number of personnel in each Group Centre and battalion are authorized as leave reserve.

(d) All Commanders have been directed to sanction leave liberally to jawans. CRPF follows the policy of giving leave as stipulated without creating disappointment amongst the jawans. Jawans are encouraged to proceed on leave every year for which various mechanism/systems such as leave forecast, sainik Sammelans, grievance redressal etc. are already in existence.

Leave to BSF jawans

2114. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of annual leave granted to jawans of the BSF;

(b) whether it is a fact the the BSF frequently denies the annual leave to jawans;

(c) the difficulties faced by the BSF in creating a situation where a jawan is assured of his leave every year;

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that no jawan is denied his due leave; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to ensure that prior planning and thought goes into this matter in the BSF to improve the morale of BSF jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 60 days earned leave and 15 days casual leave to jawans serving in the field and 30 days earned leave and 08 days casual leave to those serving in other units.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) No such difficulty is being faced by BSF. Leave is granted to jawans as per rules keeping in view operational requirements according to a roster system and in cases of personal emergency. The morale of BSF jawans is very high.